

161AD-180AD

Bronze statue of Marcus
Aurelius was erected.

7 MAR AD161

Antoninus Pius after a reign of 22 years was succeeded by his son Marcus Aurelius Verus.

In this period Poly Carp was martyred

7 Mar 161

Death of Antoninus Pius may have been expected for some months. Marcus Aurelius had already arranged that he ~~had~~ and Lucius Verus held the consulate jointly that year.

Marcus adopted the titles 'Augustus' 'Pontifex maximus' and name 'Antoninus' out of respect for his predecessor. At some time he prevailed on the senate to confer

upon Lucius also the imperial titles 'Caesar' and 'Augustus'. He also gave Lucius the name Verus. Finally, the two were jointly acclaimed 'Imperator' by the praetorian guard.

Soon after their reign was soon broken by flood and famine at Rome & serious trouble on the eastern frontier.

7 March 161

5 Mar 161 Antoninus ate too much Alpine Cheese

During night 5/6 he vomited. On

6th he had developed a fever

On 7 Mar 161, he handed reins
of power to his adoptive son
Marcus Aurelius

He was deified by decree of Senate
without opposition. His mortal
remains were laid to rest in the Mausoleum

of Hadrian Almagridethere of his wife and
two sons who had died over 20 yrs before.

7 Mar 161

Antoninus Pius died of
illness at LORIVM 7 Mar 161

Body put in the Mausoleum
of Hadrian.

7 Mar 161

Lucius Verus ascended to throne
with Marcus Aurelius.

The Parthian war arose out of a long-standing quarrel over control of Armenia which Tigran had made a Roman protectorate.

In 161 the Parthians hit back, expelling the pro-Roman ruler of Armenia, installing their own nominee, and defeating the four-legion garrison of Syria.

The emperors determined Vero must travel east to direct operations.

At age 35 Pertinax decided that being a teacher paid too little. He decided to opt for a military career.

He began as commander of a cohort of Gauls stationed in Syria but soon showed his ability and was promoted to tribune of the VI Legion 'VICTRIX' stationed at York. Further promotion took Pertinax

to the Danube frontier where he saw
vigorous action in Marcus Aurelius's
northern wars. He was rewarded by
being made a senator.

7 Mar 161

Marcus Aurelius and Lucius Verus
dual emperors reigned

Y 161-180 AD

MARCUS AELIUS AURELIUS
ANTONINUS

121?

120-180 AD MARCUS AURELIUS

Marcus Aurelius Antoninus

A Roman Emperor who combined the qualities of the warrior with the temperament of the student.

Delighting in peace, he, on account of the turmoils that he sought to quell was constantly at war. When he overcame the enemy, the greatness of his character was manifested in that

he pardoned those who had opposed him
this phase of his character was illustrated
by his burning the papers of Cassius
that fell into his hands without
reading them, so that he might not
suspect any one of being a traitor. Being
a stoic and a firm believer in the pagan
faith, he was a great persecutor of Christians
and sought by every means in his power
to stamp out Christianity.

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MARCUS Aurelius was Emperor.
He was a stoic philosopher. He
reigned until 180 in Common
with Lucius Verus, his brother
by adoption.

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The places and distances
of the planets was discovered
by PTOLEMY

161 AD

Marcus Aurelius become Emperor
of Rome.